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sending the food to the diet kitchen, hot or boiling water was poured into the heater, and the covered dishes placed in the holes to warm them before serving the food. Two persons carried the food to the building. After this we had no further trouble in keeping food warm. E. J. W.

CARE OF NURSES' FEET

DEAR EDITOR: May I sound a word of warning in the ears of superintendents of nurses?

Be careful of your probationers' feet; before they complain, watch how they walk, question them, and on their first word of complaint take them off duty and consult your orthopædist about them.

Some years ago an acquaintance of mine ruined her feet in a Philadelphia hospital; she is still lame.

Quite recently a friend entered one of the best training schools in New York City. No attention was paid to her complaint about her feet, she has been compelled to give up a work for which she seemed well adapted, and is still suffering from the lack of ordinary care to which I think she was entitled.

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PROGRESS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR EDITOR: Allusion having been made in the December JOURNAL to the New Jersey State law for licensing nurses, I wish to call attention to an effort now in progress by the New Jersey State Nurses' Association, to enlist the interest of every nurse resident in the state, towards having said law repealed, or amended in such way as to enable us to set a high standard for professional education and practice.

The present law requires no examination nor any school standard, except that every nurse who practises as a trained nurse must first be licensed on presentation of a diploma, awarded by a training school connected with a hospital giving a two years' course of practical and theoretical training.

Many of us here feel that the nurses of New Jersey, in justice to themselves and to their profession, must produce something better and more progressive.

In order to enlist every graduate nurse in the state in this most important work, during the coming year it is proposed to organize six local societies, embracing the nurses of all the counties of the state; these local societies in turn to become component parts of the state association.

We need every individual nurse vitally interested because we need their help, and this law, when passed, should represent the sentiment of the mass.

The first local society was set in motion on December 7, 1910, at a meeting at Englewood, when twenty applications were received for membership, representing the nurses of two counties, those of Bergen and Passaic. Plans are also on foot to organize the three counties of Essex, Warren, and Somerset, in January, 1911, into one society.

With these combined objects in view, a mass meeting will be held at Newark early in February (date to be announced later), when Miss McIsaac will speak in the interest of this work now in progress. We feel that now is